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Philip J. PALERMO, et al.

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For:

A METHOD OF PREVENTING ABUSE OF OPIOID DOSAGE FORMS

Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is a Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been [] established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and [] 1.27 is enclosed.

No fee for additional claims is required. [X]

A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

| | (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | _ | SMALL ENTITY | | LARGE ENTITY |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---|-----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | REMAINING | HIGHEST | | RATE FEE | <u>OR</u> | RATE FEE |
| | AFTER | PREVIOUSLY | PRESENT | | | |
| | AMENDMENT | PAID FOR | EXTRA | | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 20 Minu | ıs 20 = | 0 | <u> x </u> | | <u> x \$ 18 \$00</u> |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 2 Minu | ıs 3 = | 0 | x \$ 42 \$ | | x \$ 84 \$00 |
| [] FIRST PRES | SENTATION OF | MULTIPLE DE | EP. CLAIM | + \$140 \$ | | + \$280 \$ |
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TOTAL: \$ TOTAL:

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- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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| |] Also transmitted herewith ar | e: |
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[] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)

[] Other:

Check(s) in the amount of \$.00 is/are attached to cover:

[] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16

[] Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

[] Other:

[X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by [X] check submitted herewith.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17. [X]

Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, [X] and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR

1.136.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Consideration of the present application in view of the following preliminary amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.